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In the interest of candor, the applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following prior art which has been raised during prosecution of the corresponding British patent application 0016553.0

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US 5889943	Trend Micro
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JP 11224190	Yaskawa
JP 11110211	Brother Kogyo

The relevance in the Search Examiner's opinion, of the references is as indicated in the Search Report. However, none of the citations disclose the features of detecting tags indicating the presence of operable code and the removal of such tags and operable codes as required by independent claims 1 and 15.

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